

January 8

Revelation 20:1-5

“The 1st Resurrection”



1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the **bottomless pit** and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on **the dragon, that old serpent**, which is **the devil**, and **Satan**, and bound him **a thousand years**, 3 And cast him into the **bottomless pit**, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, **that he should deceive the nations no more**, till **the thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that **he must be loosed a little season**. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw **the souls** of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for **the word of God**, and **which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands**; and they lived and reigned with Christ **a thousand years**. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not

again until *the thousand years* were finished.

This is the first resurrection.

ALL FOR THOUGHT

□ What are the real meanings of
“**the beast**”,
its “**mark**” and “**image**”, “**the dragon**”,
and
“**that old serpent, the devil and Satan**”?

Do any of these titles and/or actual people
change approximately every generation in
order to maintain mystery to humans as
well as to spirits?

□ What’s the meaning of the **descending
angel** who was holding a great **chain**
and **the key** to **the bottomless pit**?

□ Has what is described in the passage
already happened or is it something
that will occur later?

Will it happen more than once?

Is it all merely metaphorical?

□ Will some dead people remain dead for a thousand years while some *other* dead people live again during that same one thousand years?

We will have to dig much more deeply to gain greater understanding of “the first resurrection”.